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SUBJ: SOME DETAINEES RETURNED

1. MININTERIOR GEN. BONILLA TOLD PRESS NOV 29 THAT JULIO PALESTRO AND EDGARDO ENRIQUEZ HAD BEEN BROUGHT FROM DAWSON ISLAND DETENTION CENTER TO SANTIAGO FOR MEDICAL ATTENTION. PALESTRO IS SOCIALIST PARTY MEMBER WHO HEADED GOVT LOTTERY DURING ALLENDE ADMINISTRATION; ENRIQUEZ, MEMBER OF RADICAL PARTY, WAS ALLENDE'S LAST MINEDUCATION. THEY AND SOME 30 OTHER SENIOR UP LEADERS WERE MOVED TO DAWSON IN LATE SEPTEMBER.
2. BONILLA DENIED PREVALENT RUMORS THAT A DOZEN DAWSON DETAINEES HAD BEEN BROUGHT TO SANTIAGO TO GO ON TRIAL. BONILLA CLAIMED INVESTIGATIONS ARE STILL UNDER WAY AND MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE COURT PROCEEDINGS ARE INSTITUTED.
3. EMBASSY HAS HEARD FROM SEVERAL DIFFERENT SOURCES THAT AS MANY AS SEVEN OF THE DAWSON GROUP ARE NOW BACK IN SANTIAGO. IN ADDITION TO JULIO PALESTRO AND ENRIQUEZ, OTHER NAME MOST OFTEN MENTIONED IS FORMER MINJUSTICE AND MINEDUCATION JORGE TAPIA (RADICAL).
4. GOC PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED THAT COMMUNIST PARTY SEC GEN LUIS CORVALAN, RADICAL PARTY PRES. ANSELMO SULE, RADICAL

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DEPUTY CAMILO SALVO, AND FORMER MINMINES AND MINHOUSING

PEDRO FELIPE RAMIREZ (CHRISTIAN LEFT) HAD BEEN MOVED FROM MILITARY ACADEMY IN SANTIAGO TO DAWSON.

5. EMBASSY ALSO HAS UNCONFIRMED REPORT THAT GOC THINKING OF STAGING A FEW MAJOR TRIALS OF UP LEADERS. THESE WOULD ALLEGEDBY BE USED TO TRY TO DOCUMENT VARIOUS TYPES OF SERIOUS CRIMES COMMITTED BY UP SUCH AS GRAFT AND CORRUPTION, INVOLVEMENT IN "PLAN Z," AND COMPROMISING NATIONAL SECURITY. REMAINING HIGH UP OFFICIALS WOULD BE EXILED, ACCORDING TO THIS REPORT.
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